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SUBJECT: ENGLISH PRESS COVERAGE OF PRC DEFECTOR NEWS CONFERENCE

THE FOLLOWING ARE SUMMARY EXCERPTS TAKEN FROM FRONT-PAGE ARTICLES
IN JULY 9 ENGLISH CHINA POST REPORTING ANSWERS GIVEN
THE PRESS BY PILOT DEFECTOR FAN YUAN-YEN DURING HIS JULY 8 NEWS
CONFERENCE:

QUOTE THE 41-YEAR-OLD DEFECTOR, A NATIVE OF SZECHUAN PROVINCE IN
SOUTHWESTERN CHINA, HAS A WIFE, TANG SHIH-LIEN, WHO WORKS AS A
TEACHER TO EARN 30 DOLLARS MAINLAND CURRENCY (US\$15) PER MONTH,
A 13-YEAR-OLD SON, AND TWO DAUGHTERS, 11 AND NINE YEARS IN AGE
RESPECTIVELY.

HE SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO ASK U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS
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VANCE TO HELP HIS FAMILY MEMBERS LEAVE THE CHINA MAINLAND WHEN
VANCE MAKES HIS TRIP THERE IN AUGUST.

THE U.S. EMBASSY IN TAIPEI AND THE USIS HERE DECLINED TO COMMENT
UNTIL FAN'S APPEAL REACHES U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE REPUBLIC OF
CHINA, LEONARD UNGER.

FAN SAID THAT BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCE, RED CHINESE CADRES WOULD DEFINITELY TAKE ACTION AGAINST HIS FAMILY MEMBERS.... THREE FACTORS PERSUADED HIM TO FLEE FROM A LAND WHERE HE HAD LIVED FOR FOUR DECADES.

TO REVEAL TO THE WORLD WITH PRACTICAL ACTION ABOUT THE EVERYDAY MISERIES IN CHINA MAINLAND IS THE FIRST, ACCORDING TO FAN.

"THERE'S NO FREEDOM, NOT TO MENTION HUMAN RIGHTS OVER THERE (CHINA MAINLAND)," HE CONTINUED....

"I LEARNED THE AUTHORITIES HERE ARE GENEROUS" HE SAID, GOING (SIC) THE SECOND REASONS "BECAUSE THEY DON'T COUNT OUR PAST AND GUARANTEE OUR SAFETY."

THE THIRD FACTOR IS TO FIGHT AGAINST THE COMMUNIST POLICY OF FOOLING PEOPLE, FAN SAID. PEOPLE ON THE MAINLAND ARE WAKING UP FROM ILLUSIONS GIVEN OUT BY COMMUNIST SUGAR-COATED PROPAGANDA....

ABOUT 200 LOCAL AND FOREIGN REPORTERS FLOCKED THE CHINESE ARMED FORCES OFFICERS' CLUB IN TAIPEI YESTERDAY TO ASK MORE THAN 100 QUESTIONS COVERING VARIOUS FIELDS, AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE PRESIDED OVER BY DING MOU-SHIH, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION OFFICE....

FAN, 1.6 METERS TALL, APPEARED SPIRITED YESTERDAY REPLYING TO UNCLASSIFIED

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QUESTIONS FROM REPORTERS. HE SAID DID NOT KNOW HOW HEAVY HE IS, BECAUSE HE RARELY WEIGHS (SIC) HIMSELF.

HE SAID JOGGING IS HIS ONLY SPORTS ACTIVITY, AND HE USUALLY JOGS 4,-5,000 METERS PER DAY....

AS A SQUADRON LEADER, HE COMMANDED FOUR PERSON, HE SAID. THE FOUR UNDER HIM WILL "DEFINITELY" FOLLOW IN HIS STEPS TO DEFECT, "ONCE THEY GET THE CHANCE, FOR THEY HATE THE COMMUNIST AUTHORITIES DEEPLY", FAN SAID.

HE DID NOT LET HIS FAMILY KNOW ABOUT THE DEFECTION, AND THERE WAS NO CONTACT BETWEEN HIM AND CHINESE INTELLIGENCE AGENTS ASSIGNED ON THE MAINLAND.

"I WAS ON MY OWN RIGHT FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE ESCAPE SCHEME," HE SAID....

THERE ARE ONLY 20 TO 30 MIG21S STATIONED IN FUKIEN AND ADJOINING AREAS, AND SOME 2,000-ODD MIG19S IN TOTAL IN THE "AIR FORCE", HE DISCLOSED.

"MORE IMPORTANT," HE POINTED OUT, "THE COMMUNIST MILITARY DEPLOYMENT ALONG THE COAST FACING TAIWAN IS DEFENSIVE."

HE SAID HE HAD NEVER RECEIVED ANY KIND OF TRAINING CONCERNING OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS.

THE MIG19 HE PILOTED OVER, NUMBERED 3171, WAS NOT MADE BY THE RUSSIAN, NOR BY THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS, BUT MAINLY THROUGH ASSEMBLING PARTS IN 1959. END QUOTE.

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